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### COMNAVACTUK INSTRUCTION 1020.1H

Subj: UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND  
NORTHERN EUROPE

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, 1991  
(b) CINCUSNAVEURINST 5400.13H

Encl: (1) United Kingdom/Northern Europe Uniform Regulations  
(2) Uniform Guidance for the Greater London Area  
(3) Commonly Asked Questions and Answers

1. Purpose. To promulgate the uniform regulations for U.S. Navy personnel in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe who do not fall under the cognizance of another regional coordinator. This instruction has the effect of a general regulation. It neither duplicates or supercedes information contained in reference (a).

2. Cancellation. COMNAVACTUKINST 1020.1G

3. Background. Reference (a) is the basic document governing the wearing of uniforms by Naval Personnel. As specified in reference (b), Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, United Kingdom (COMNAVACTUK), is assigned regional area coordinator responsibilities for U.S. Navy personnel located ashore in the United Kingdom and in Northern Europe. As regional area coordinator, COMNAVACTUK is responsible for establishing uniform policy for Naval personnel in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe.

#### 4. Information

a. Enclosure (1) provides uniform policy for personnel while attached to U.S. Navy shore activities in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe. It also establishes uniform subareas, provides guidance to subarea coordinators and establishes seasonal uniform requirements.

b. Uniform regulations and dress code for the London Area are established in enclosure (2). The "Greater London" area is considered to be the area inside the M25; "Central London" is considered to be the area surrounding the headquarters building

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at 7 North Audley Street/2 Providence Court/20 Grosvenor Square.

5. General Regulations

a. While at a U.S. Navy shore activity within the United Kingdom/Northern Europe area, Naval personnel shall be in the prescribed Uniform of the Day or appropriate civilian attire as described in reference (a) and this directive.

b. Naval personnel shall familiarize themselves with the standards of appearance as set forth in reference (a) and will be held responsible under UCMJ article 92(1) to ensure that their appearance is within those standards.

6. Action

a. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge shall ensure that their personnel are in compliance with this instruction. Additionally, the special circumstances created by the presence of U.S. forces in Central London underscores the need to ensure that uniforms (and civilian attire as appropriate) are properly worn and maintained to enhance the reputation of the U.S. Navy. Pride in appearance is the mark of responsible military members, both officer and enlisted, and a key indicator of the level of morale and discipline in a command.

b. The designated Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge or Senior Officer for each subarea in enclosure (1) will determine the effective date of uniform changes and promulgate information to activities in their respective subarea and to NAVACTUK.



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## UNITED KINGDOM/NORTHERN EUROPE UNIFORM REGULATIONS

1. Uniform Subareas. Uniform subareas within the United Kingdom and Northern Europe are as follows:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>SUBAREA COORDINATOR</u>
Central London, Greater London and all other UK counties unless specified below	COMNAVACTUK
North Yorkshire	CO, NSGA MENWITH HILL
Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset Counties	CO, JMF ST. MAWGAN
Suffolk County	CO, NAF Mildenhall
Germany	Senior Naval Officer, USEUCOM

2. Subarea Coordinators. Local subarea cognizant authorities will prescribe uniforms and accessories which shall provide the greatest uniformity within their area, taking into consideration local climate, command mission and public exposure. Clarifying information concerning restrictions and alternatives for specific occasions and/or geographic locations, i.e., wearing of flight clothing, foul weather gear, ties, garrison caps, etc. should be included.

3. Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) Personnel. U.S. Navy personnel assigned to PEP program billets will wear the uniform most comparable to that worn by host service personnel of similar grade.

4. Uniform of the Day

a. Uniform of the day for the winter period (first Monday in October - first Monday in May) is Service Dress Blue. Working uniforms as described in reference (a) may be prescribed as alternates to the Service Dress Blue uniform.

b. Uniform of the Day for the summer period (first Monday in May - first Monday in October) is Service Dress Blue. Service Dress White, Summer White and working uniforms as described in reference (a) may be prescribed as alternates to the Service Dress Blue uniform.

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## UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR GREATER LONDON AREA

1. Background. A common-sense approach to living and working in a foreign country is to blend in with the community as much as possible. Safety and personal security of service members, their families and property is of primary importance. The presence of U.S. military personnel in the Mayfair district of Central London creates a unique situation with respect to normal military appearance. Long standing tradition of host nation armed forces and the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) which exists between the United States and the United Kingdom define a need for a formal policy regarding wearing uniforms in London.

2. Policy

a. Greater London Area: The Uniform of the Day for the Greater London Area is Service Dress Blue. Service Khaki/Winter Blue/Summer White are prescribed as optional/seasonal uniforms. Dungarees and the camouflage uniform (as appropriate) may be worn in the workspace in situations where other uniforms would be inappropriate. Wearing uniforms on public transport (bus, train and underground) is not authorized. Personnel working in the Greater London Area (outside of Central London) are authorized to wear their uniforms to and from work (if not using public transport) and on brief trips to business establishments or for lunch near their place of work.

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b. Central London Area: Personnel residing in Central London, including those TAD, are authorized to walk in uniform directly to/from work. Personnel who elect to wear their uniform to and from work in Central London should proceed to and from the headquarters building via a route which will cross (rather than traverse down) Oxford Street and thereby minimize time spent on that busy thoroughfare. Wearing uniforms on public transport (bus, train and underground) is not authorized. Commuting in uniform via POV or private hire (taxi or contract bus) transportation is authorized. Dungaree/camouflage uniforms will not be worn outside the headquarters building except in cases of emergency evacuation of the building.

c. In order for assigned personnel to have some flexibility in their day-to-day activity, wearing the Uniform of the Day outside the 7 N. Audley headquarters building for short periods, including brief trips to local businesses/going out for lunch is authorized. Wearing the uniform while patronizing businesses on Oxford Street is specifically prohibited.

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3. Civilian attire appropriate for the Central London Area. Central London is a conservative business area as well as an international tourist area, which results in a wide spectrum of clothing style and wear. In all cases, civilian attire is expected to be conservative in nature, clean and in good order.

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## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

General guidance on the issue of uniforms in Central London is provided below in the form of Questions and Answers. It is not an all inclusive listing but rather guidance for individuals and their supervisors in implementing the intent of this instruction:

Q: *Can I walk down the block in uniform to buy a magazine from the newsagent?*

A: Yes. An intent of this instruction is to maintain the low profile presence of U.S. military forces in the Central London Mayfair business/tourist area. Brief trips out to businesses in the vicinity of the headquarters building while in uniform is authorized.

Q: *Can I go to the American Embassy for lunch in uniform?*

A: Yes. You are allowed to go to the embassy while in uniform.

Q: *Can I go across the street in uniform to have lunch?*

A: Yes. A trip across the street in uniform to have lunch is authorized.

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Q: *Can I go to HMV or Selfridges in uniform to buy a gift?*

A: No. Patronizing businesses on Oxford St. is specifically prohibited while in uniform.

Q: *Can I sit in Grosvenor Park in uniform and eat my lunch and read a book in uniform?*

A: Yes. Due to the close proximity of the Grosvenor Park to the U.S. Embassy a natural association would exist between the two.

Q: *Can I go for a walk in uniform in the vicinity of the headquarters building to get some fresh air?*

A: Yes. Brief trips in the vicinity of the headquarters building while in uniform are authorized.

Q: *Can I go for a walk in Hyde Park in uniform?*

A: No. This would entail an extended period outside the headquarters building in uniform and is not authorized. Only brief trips outside of the headquarters building are authorized.

Q: *Can I go to a Pub in uniform?*

A: No, except to pick-up a take-away food order.

Q: *Can I wear civilian clothing (such as a coat) over my uniform?*

A: No. This is not an option authorized by U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations.